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1. FOLLOWING IS SUGGESTED AIRPORT ARRIVAL STATEMENT TO VOLTAN
OFFICIALS AND PRESS, JULY 28.

2. I AM VERY HAPPY TO BE IN OUAGADOUGOU TODAY AND TO
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BRING YOU THE GREETING AND BEST WISHES OF PRESIDENT
CARTER AND THE AMERICAN PEOPLE.

3. I HAVE BEEN LOOKING FORWARD TO THIS VISIT FOR MANY
WEEKS. THE NATIONS OF THE SAHEL ARE NOT WELL KNOWN TO
AMERICANS, AND I THINK THAT IS BECAUSE WE TEND TO FOCUS
OUR ATTENTION ON AREAS OF THE WORLD WHERE WARS OR OTHER

SPECTACULAR EVENTS COMMAND OUR ATTENTION. WE SOMETIMES OVERLOOK THOSE PLACES LIKE UPPER VOLTA WHERE PEOPLE ARE WORKING QUIETLY AND YTEADILY TO SOLVE PROBLEMS SUCH AS FOOD PRODUCTION AND TO BUILD A BETTER LIFE FOR THEMSELVES.

4. SO I WAS ESPECIALLY PLEASED TO BE ABLE TO ACCEPT THE INVITATION TO VISIT UPPER VOLTA AND OTHER MEMBER NATIONS OF CILSS AND TO BE PRESEIDENT CARTER'S PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE HERE. I WANT TO ASSURE YOU THAT AMERICANS ARE INTERESTED IN YOUR DEVELOPMENT AND WANT TO PARTICIPATE WHERE WE CAN BE OF HELP. WHILE I AM IN OUAGADOUGOU I HOPE TO SPEAK WITH YOUR PRESIDENT AND OTHERS IN GOVERNMENT ABOUT THE CHALLENGES YOU FACE IN OVERCOMING THE EFFECTS OF DROUGHT AND OTHER NATURAL OBSTACLES TO DEVELOPMENT.

5. I ALSO WANT TO VISIT DEVELOPMENT AND TRAINING PROJECTS AND LEARN ABOUT THE ROLE OF WOMEN IN VOLTAN SOCIETY. AS YOU MIGHT EXPECT, THIS IS A SUBJECT THAT INTERESTS ME VERY MUCH.

6. FINALLY, IT IS A PLEASURE FOR ME TO VISIT THE NEWEST DEMOCRACY IN AFRICA. PRESIDENT CARTER HAS FOLLOWED EVENTS IN UPPER VOLTA WITH GREAT INTEREST THE PAST FEW MONTHS, AND WE ALL WANT TO EXPRESS OUR BEST WISHES FOR SECESS TO PRESIDENT LAMIZANA AND YOUR NEW GOVERNMENT. KILLION

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